

Civil Air Patrol/Cape May



CAPE MAY COUNTY SQUADRON CIVIL AIR PATROL

SQUADRON

From the Commander

I want to express a hardy welcome to all our new cadets and senior members. As you can see, we have a well run squadron with an excellent staff. We ask a lot of you from the start, but we do this for a reason, we strive to be number 1 in everything we do as a squadron. I believe that we are the best and brightest squadron in the Wing, and we should show the way for the others to follow.

I am asking every member to be signed up for Dragon Net. If you have not done so yet, please go to our website and click on the dragon Net logo and enter your information and get registered for Dragon Net. This is the Wing's secure web site and the way we distribute messages to the Wing and squadron. If you have not logged on yet, you are missing a lot of important information and dates for events.

We are planning on hosting a Cadet Great Start program in November 2009, just prior to the Thanksgiving break, all new cadets are encouraged to attend. This is a

great opportunity to gain an insight to what is going to be expected of you as a cadet in CAP. I am going to offer this course possibly to all new cadets within Group 225.

If you need uniform items, and we have them in stock, come into the senior staff area and request them, and if we have them, we will issue them to you. Also, if you need uniforms issued by AAFES, come in and see the commander and I will order them online for you. When in uniform, look your best, like a professional. If you are unsure of what to wear or where items belong, look in the regulations under CAPR-39-1, this is the uniform regulation for uniform wear. Remember, you are being observed, especially by the public. Look sharp and act professional while wearing your uniform, as you are a representative of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, and the public perceives you as active duty military personnel. Wearing the uniform is a privilege, not a right.

While the weather is still fairly warm and

I want to thank Cadet's John Edwards and Louis Sicilia for taking the incentive and stepping up to taking on the leadership role of an NCO. Keep up the good work! I have noticed your hard work and it is paying off.

Major Kevin L. Barstow, Sr.
Commander, NJ-009

21 November-Tree Lighting Ceremony
20-22 November-GTM3 weekend
22 November-SAREX
5 December-West Cape May
 Christmas Parade

Lt Col Richard Simon
Maj John Sammons
C/1Lt Michael Quinn
C/AB Madison Peteani



C/Amn Ray Gradwell to C/A1C
C/AB Jonathon Clark to C/Amn
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Promotions

C/Amn Ray Gradwell to C/A1C
C/AB Jonathon Clark to C/Amn
C/AB James Loftus to C/Amn

Congratulations!

Capt Tony Simon
C/AB Alexander Hudson
C/SMSgt Dylan Rutherford

C/AB Benjamin Conlin
C/AB Ian Byerly
C/AB Anthony Martin
C/AB Madison Peteani

Uniforms issued by USAF are accountable. When personnel leave, squadron uniforms will be turned in. This is a Must! If you have any questions, see Supply.

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Cadet Program

For those of you who are new to this squadron let me take the opportunity to welcome you. The cadet program can be real fun and exciting, but YOU are the only ones who can make it that way. We have a lot of great training opportunities available during the summer months, including Basic Encampment. If you have not been to Basic Encampment yet, please think about going in 2010. After you go, there are loads of new opportunities available to you.

Capt Tony Simon
Deputy Commander for Cadets
NER NJ-009

Public Affairs

I want to say thank you to everyone who participated in our October events. It is wonderful to see new cadets joining the squadron. Sometimes it can be hard to be the new person, or new cadet, so I hope everyone will welcome and encourage the new members. Make new friends! Cape May Co. Composite Squadron is like an extended family-many people, with different ideas and experiences, working together for good of the squadron. It is truly exciting to see the squadron grow! Welcome!

1Lt Sandra Kooker, Public Affairs Officer
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Personnel/Administration

As a reminder to all members, all forms must be typed especially if the form is submitted to a higher headquarters. National forms are available in MS Word format at **http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/forms_publications_regulations/forms_word.cfm**.

NJ Wing forms are available in the "forms" link in DragonNet. Except for Duty Assignment, the CAP Form 2a must be filled out by the individual member.

Information Technologies

Every week, the computers are set up to run a virus scan. At the end of the meeting, close out all programs that are running and leave the computer logged into Windows. Do not shut the computers off. I will turn the computers off on Friday after I back up the system.

Professional Development

All officers are required to progress in their specialties. Please review the requirements for your specialty in the Specialty Track Guide and see either your mentor or me to receive credit for completion of required tasks and to advance your rating in your specialty.

Richard A Simon, Lt Col, CAP
DPA, DA, IT, PDO
NER-NJ-009

Cadet Staff

When I think of our squadron's latest activities, the first thing that comes to mind is the large influx of new cadets. As our squadron welcomes everyone, we must be aware that it is now a bottom heavy squadron (or at least the cadet portion). What that means is that there are many more lower or non-ranking cadets than there are staff and high-ranking cadets. In a situation like this, it behooves all cadets to promote and perform at their best, because there are previously unused staff positions that could now be filled for a more effective execution of our squadron's goals. So get organize, stay positive, and get moving.

C/SMSgt Craig Coughlin
NCOIC, NER NJ-009

The past month of civil air patrol has been standard. Our squadron participated in a flag burning ceremony for a fallen member of the United States Army, C/ Sicilia and I were on point holding the American flag and the squadron flag. The ceremony went very well and I am very pleased with the performance and level of professionalism I observed from the other cadets who attended. Drill practice always pays off in the end.

Another point of interest that has come to my mind is the Dragon Drill team. For 3 years I have observed and participated in the state drill team; and put many hours and days of hard work into the team as well. Our most recent practice (October 24-25) was cancelled due to a lack of participation and a lack of interest for the team and I am greatly upset, seeing how my last three years of time has gone to a lost cause. If anyone is interested in participating in the drill team I highly recommend the program to you. Team-work skills, leadership skills, aerospace knowledge, and drill skills all can be found at our weekend practices. One Wing, One Team, One Standard of Excellence.

C/SMSgt Dylan Rutherford
Squadron First Sergeant, NER NJ-009

1Lt Akeret & K9 Riot: On Acknowledging Weaknesses

We all have weaknesses, right? It's easy to understand that climbing stairs may be a challenge to a person in a wheelchair; just as reading a map may be for a person who is sight-impaired. Yet, our more subtle weaknesses often go unrecognized by others. I learned this valuable lesson last month at a dog training seminar with Riot. As you may know, I have been working with Riot in hopes of being accepted onto NJ-TF1, the State's Urban Disaster Team. At this seminar, however, a number of reasons why Riot is not a good candidate for disaster work were pointed out to me. Most notably is his sensitivity to loud noises (disaster dogs need to work around heavy equipment, sirens, in thunderstorms, etc.) and a back leg that is out of alignment (which makes climbing ladders, obstacles, and agility equipment more difficult for him). With a sigh of disappointment, I realized my 4-legged friend would have to be pulled from the upcoming K9 Screening with NJ-TF1. Yet, I was very thankful to learn more about his strengths and challenges, which helped me place him in a more appropriate training program: Human Remains Detection.



The moral of the story, for cadets and senior members alike, is: Speak up if you are uncomfortable or unable to perform a task requested of you at CAP! (Riot is unable to speak, but a highly qualified trainer recognized and communicated his needs for him). We want you to enjoy your time in CAP and feel good about the work you are doing. Remember, we all have strengths and weaknesses! Riot is certainly enjoying his introduction to HRD work and doing an excellent job. And I seem to sense his relief when we bypass the ladder when practicing agility.

I had to apply this idea myself recently at CAP. When Lt. Wuerker took me up in the Maule, I felt a bit nauseous. I know that reading maps while in the plane would have made my symptoms much worse. This is a weakness of mine that I shared with Major Barstow and the pilots. Being a Mission Scanner/Observer might not be the position best suited to me (at least without Dramamine!). I think I prefer my feet on the ground, like Riot!

**1Lt Diana Akeret
and Riot**

From the Chaplain

Thanksgiving is two words as one!

Thanks and Giving of course are stand alone words; but, one celebrated day this month in America says it all. How do you create a feeling of thankfulness. I cause my feeling of gratitude and thankfulness to grow by thinking of all the gifts around my normal day. Fresh drinking water, plenty of food, good healthy lifestyle, being with healthy young cadets and senior members in CAP who with all their natural talents and interest volunteer. The generous God given gifts pouring in are not about me, but through me, reveal His love reaching out to others. Thus the word 'Giving' or fruitful outpouring to train CAP cadets to be ready to perform missions with the local police or Home Land Security. Feelings of thankfulness without actions or service to others would be energy in motion going harmfully backwards to false expectations and narcissism. Thus we 'Give' thanks by volunteering and bearing fruit with our many gifts revealing His presence among us - be it at CAP training-meetings, flight lessons, moral leadership class or on local missions. Thus all year we truly have a way to celebrate – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

LtCol Miles Barrett

**Moral Leadership/Character Development Officer
NER NJ-009**



Support Search & Rescue

GET LOST !

*Photos from our
October Emergency Services
class.*



Cadet in the Spotlight

- **Name:** Jonathon Clark
- **School:** Cape Christian Academy
- **Age:** 13
- **Grade:** 8th
- **Excuse me if I brag about:** Getting straight As on my report card
- **If I could invite four people to dinner, I would invite:** Tim, Julian, Paul, and Jay
- **And we would discuss (at dinner):** Video games
- **If I could be invisible for one hour, I would:** Be happy
- **My favorite singing group:** I don't really have one
- **The one TV show I'm glued to is:** Sponge Bob
- **If I could eat three things for the rest of my life, they would be:** Salt and vinegar chips, fish (the way my dad cooks it.), and sour skittles
- **The worst movie I ever saw was:** I can't remember
- **The best movie I ever saw was:** 300
- **The person I look up to most is:** um; my dad I guess
- **If I could have anything in the world, I would want:** an airplane
- **My first real job after college will be:** a fighter pilot
- **You will never see me wearing:** clothes that make me look really stupid
- **If I could change one thing about myself, it would be:** I don't know
- **Where I'd like to be and what I'd like to be doing in ten years is:** flying an F-22
- **My goal in CAP is:** to get the Billy Mitchell Award

Promotions



*Congratulations
Maj Barstow,
C/A1C Gradwell,
C/Amn Loftus, and
C/Amn Clark!*



Great Job!

From the Cadets

Being in CAP has been a lot of fun! Even though I'm still new, I can tell that it will be somewhat of a challenge, but it will all be worth it later in life. Everybody is very nice and I am looking forward to the upcoming months.

C/AB Benjamin Conlin

I am very pleased to see the many new basics and others interested to join CAP at the past meetings. I hope that all of them decide to join, because CAP is a very influential organization for kids and adults. I also encourage all of the new basics to promote as soon as possible to cadet airman and plan on going to encampment next summer so they can go to many of the activities CAP has to offer.

C/Amn Ian Borgo

I have just recently joined Civil Air Patrol and have had a great time since. I have made new friends, learned many new things, and have been able to do things that I have never done before. I have attended an air show, helped keep local events organized, and I have even been able to go up in our squadron's Maule. I have had many new experiences with Civil Air Patrol and I plan to continue attending our weekly meetings.

C/Amn James Loftus

This past weekend we helped with the pumpkin festival. A group of us went over to Cold Spring Village around nine o'clock to help park cars in the parking lot. There weren't many people who had gone, due to the bleak weather, so we didn't really do much. It was still an okay day. We got out in the fresh air and goofed around with each other; talked about different things. It wasn't too bad.

I had to leave around ten thirty so I wasn't able to stay the whole time but when I was there, there weren't many people there at all. Maybe next year there'll be a better turn out.

C/AB Madison Peteani

